

**Regular Council Meeting
June 25, 2009**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of June 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Ray Jackson, Earl King, Mark Martin and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), Fire Chief Ben Greenslait, City Planner Latilda Henninger and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the council workshop of June 9, the regular Council meeting of June 9, and the council committee meeting of June 17, 2009 as written, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger informed council that she had been meeting with FEMA regarding the City's floodplain plan and that she will need some additional required training later in the year.

2. Legal Matters

None were presented.

3. Fire Department Report

Mayor Marse told the council that he had attended a county budget scrub meeting with Chief Greenslait and that the county had indicated they were cutting budgets rather than funding additional amounts. Mayor Marse told them the city needed that money for operating and if they couldn't provide it, the city would withdraw to the city limits. He's not sure what the outcome will be.

Chief Greenslait told the council that Richard Withrow had quit and he was advertising for a new full-time position. Councilman Simmons asked if the fire department could operate staffed as it is until the new budget year, to give council time to determine how negotiations would go with the county funding. Chief Greenslait is to take the applications as advertised and council will determine what to do at the next regular meeting.

4. Parks Department Report

No report was given.

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters updated Council on the following items:

- Well #6 was operating correctly again
- Well #7 construction has fallen behind schedule, contract up 7/4/09, but work is not done
- Wastewater treatment plant has begun processing reuse water

Councilman Jackson said he understood that the SCADA system on the upgrades was different than the other SCADA that monitors the lift stations. Mr. Peters stated that it was different, but since it only monitored the plant operations, there was no reason it needed to be the same as the existing system.

Mayor Marse informed council that he had requested Mr. Peters draw up a plan to upgrade the water line supplying the homes on Washington, Adams and Jefferson Streets and that had been completed. He requested approval to get three price quotes and bring back to the council, council agreed.

III. Old Business

None was presented.

IV. New Business

1. Request budget workshop

Council set the first city budget workshop for July 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

2. Trencher purchase

Councilman King stated that the water department had gotten four prices on a trencher to purchase. Councilman King motioned to approve the purchase of a trencher from the low price (Ditch Witch of AL) for \$8,607.12, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Martin motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. Council Business Not On Agenda

Clerk Haynes updated the council on the following items:

- Stated that the Local Mitigation Strategy committee had approved a list of projects to submit to the state and would be approaching the council at a later date for approval of the list.
- Fourth of July celebration to be held at the Freeport Regional Sports Complex with a parade beginning at 10:00 am and games, contests and food from noon to 7:00 pm with Eglin performing a fly-over the park at 6:30 pm

Councilman Simmons requested an additional workshop for the proposed occupational license ordinance be set. Council set the workshop for Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm.

VI. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Adjournment

Councilman Martin motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, Council President